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Storytellers of Haliburton County

With Love from the Highlands

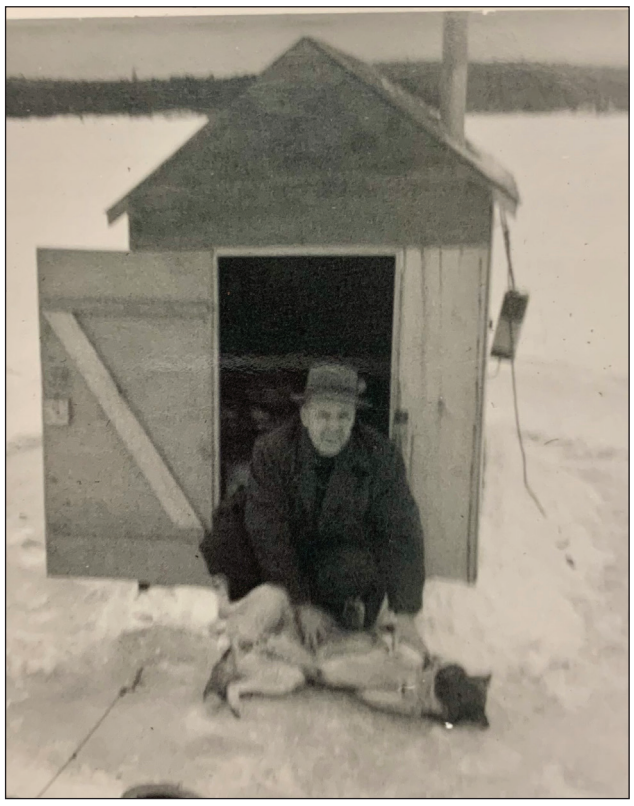
JANET TRULL
County Life Contributor

February is just around the corner. Heart shaped candies and stuffies are popping up in the stores downtown reminding us that it's time to turn our thoughts to love. My own true love and I met on Lake Kashagawigamog in 1976. You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle a tin boat in a freak October snowstorm. He was tall, dark and reliable in a crisis. If you have a Haliburton County love story, send a few sentences (and a photo if possible) to haliburtonlake@gmail.com with the subject line "I Lost my Heart in the Highlands." I'll put them together in a Valentines Day collection.

Not all love stories are human. Here is a story about a beloved pet. Local storyteller, Scotty LaRue, recalls a special relationship he had with a dog when he was a teenager.

The Saga of Runaway

In 1961, I had the opportunity to go on a Camp Wanapitei canoe trip on the Metagami River to Moosonee. When we passed the pulp and paper mill at Smooth Rock Falls on Highway 11, the water was unfit for drinking as they dumped all the bark from the logs into the river. We eventually located a cabin with a water pump where we refilled our canteens. My canoe was the last to paddle away from the cabin. I happened to turn my head to look back and noticed a small dog swimming after us. We waited for the pup to catch up and I grabbed her by the scruff of the neck and lifted her into the canoe. She was quite young, resembling a small German Shepherd. We turned around and took her back, but as we started to paddle away, the little dog was swimming after us again. The same thing happened a few more times. Finally, we put the pup in a woodshed on the property, hoping the owner would soon return. Within minutes she dug her way out and there she was right behind us. We decided to take her downriver, thinking we might locate the owner. I tucked her under my stern seat and gave her some driftwood to chew on.



Scotty LaRue with Runaway the pup during an ice fishing adventure. /submitted

Days went by and no one claimed the pup. It seemed like she was going to be a permanent part of the crew. The number one song that summer was Del Shannon's *Runaway*. The pup was officially named. As we approached Moosonee, we had to shoot several sets of rapids. Runaway was game for the challenge, jumping up onto the knapsacks stowed in the middle of the canoe. The rapids became increasingly difficult to maneuver. We entered a tricky set at the V which is normally the best route to follow, but the canoe ran into a submerged rock. Runaway was flipped out into the rapids. She quickly disappeared from sight. The stern of the canoe was damaged and required patching. Eventually, we launched it back into the rapids and made it to the bottom in one piece. There, waiting for us, was Runaway, circling a whirlpool and seeming to be very unconcerned as we pulled her into the canoe.

Runaway with Scotty and his mom, Wilda. /submitted

Farther down the river we came to a large dam that was under construction. The work crew were staying in small cabins and had enough provisions to give us some food for Runaway, which helped us to save our own for the rest of the trip to Moosonee. After we portaged around the dam, the river became quite placid until we got to the confluence of the Matagami and the Harricanaw Rivers to form the Moose River that runs to Moosonee at the base of James Bay.

We set up camp near the island of Moose Factory where local Indigenous People offered furs, ivory carvings, and other crafts for sale. Some of our group made purchases and left them in their tents while we all went over to Moosonee to look around. While we were gone, Runaway managed to chew up the artifacts, including some very expensive leather mukluks. The people who had bought them were furious and wanted to get rid of Runaway. The thought of leaving her in Moosonee was unbearable. I had to do some quick thinking to save her.

I sent a telegram to my father in Haliburton telling him I was shipping a dog on the train from Moosonee to Huntsville. Could he drive from Haliburton to meet the train and take Runaway home? He agreed! Even though she was a little wild, my parents took her in. Her favourite place was our cottage on Kennisis Lake where she loved to go in the boat when Dad went trout fishing.

I wasn't able to see her often as I was in the middle of my hockey career, but I looked forward to holidays. Our reunions were always fun. One warm sunny day, on a trip back home, Emily and I took Runaway for a walk past the old Wallings Dairy Farm and through the bush. In order to get back to our home on Head Lake, we needed to walk a short distance along the highway. Not planning ahead, we'd forgotten her leash. The traffic was not heavy so I held Runaway by the scruff of the neck as the occasional car passed. We were almost home when she saw our neighbour's Collie and jumped out of my grip into the path of an oncoming truck. On the way to the vet's, I held her while my dad drove, but it was too late. I felt a shudder and knew she was gone. It was a sad day with plenty of tears and hugs. We dug a grave and buried her in our backyard. Runaway was so feisty and full of life. The little abandoned pup who survived against all odds was gone, but she left us a lifetime of memories.

If you have a Highland memory to share, perhaps you'd like to read your story aloud on air. Story Circle (Canoe FM) is now accepting submissions of 1500 family friendly words or less. haliburtonstorycircle@gmail.com

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Taking life by the skis; the story of a Doris Day

EMILY STONEHOUSE

County Life Editor

A Doris Day.

That's what the regulars at Sir Sam's call a particularly bright and sunny day on the slopes.

A desirable day for many, but for one person in particular, it's absolute paradise.

"I just love winter," said Doris Pierson, as she peels layers of snow gear off in the Sir Sam's Chalet, her white hair curling around her ski glasses. "I love the fresh air, I love everything about it."

Doris has been skiing consistently for the past 81 years. As she meandered through the chalet to join me for an interview, she stopped at nearly every table, each visiting patron beaming as she passed through.

She's a Sir Sam's legend, according to all who know her, and in return, she gives her heart and soul to the establishment. "I've skied all over the place," the Eagle Lake resident said, "but I like it here, because there's a run for everyone."

For her 85th birthday, Sir Sam's gifted her a lifetime pass to the facility. "The Bishops have always treated me well," she said, humbly. For her 94th birthday in December, Sir Sam's presented her with her own parking spot, right in front of the entrance to the chalet. "It helps to have a parking spot," she laughed. "My family says I should share!"

Doris Pierson recently celebrated her 94th birthday at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, where they gifted her a parking spot by the chalet. The seasoned skier has been hitting the slopes for the past 81 years. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Doris started skiing at the age of 13. "My brother got me a set of skis to keep me out of trouble, and I think it worked," she said with a wink. She has skied all over the world; through Chile, the Andes, across North America, and all through Europe. At the age of 65, Doris was teaching skiing at Whistler Mountain, and up until recently, she taught kids how to ski at Sir Sam's, as well.

She spent her professional career working in dental reception. "When I got the job, the dentist asked me why I needed the job, I told him I needed to support my habits," she said, referring to her lifelong passion for the downhill sport.

She met her husband, Gord, on a ski hill (of course), and the couple had four children together - three daughters and one son - who they regularly brought to the slopes. "He was always game to go skiing anywhere I wanted," Doris reflected. She shared that one winter, Gord managed to ski for 100 days of the season. "I only managed to ski 80 of those days," she laughed. "Someone had to do the laundry!"

Gord passed away in 2011, and while Doris mourned the loss, she continued to explore what she and her husband had loved doing together the most; the thrill of the sport. "He'd be so happy to know I'm still skiing," she grinned.

Doris immersed herself into the culture of Sir Sam's; dedicating her free time to the slopes. "I've always got a friend somewhere around here," she said, glancing towards the bustling eatery at the chalet. "I love to see all the school buses here. These kids. That's the future of the hill."

The seasoned skier is an adamant proponent for taking lessons; for anyone interested in skiing, at any level. "That's the secret," she said. "Always take a lesson. Start at the beginning, and you'll be fine."

Doris tries to ski nearly every day, "whenever I can," she beamed. "As long as conditions are good. It has to be a Doris Day." From the four children she shared with Gord, she now has seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; all of whom are active in the ski world. This season has been particularly special, with Doris able to share the slopes with her three generations of kids at the same time.

When asked if she would ever slow down, Doris laughed. "No, not yet," she said. "I'm an oddball, I know. But you know what, I don't care!"

Her zest for life contagious, the interview concluded with laughs and a firm handshake, while Doris made her way back through the chalet in search of lunch, once again stopping to talk to everyone on her way.

As I left the chalet and headed towards my car, I bumped into a former colleague; foggy goggles propped on their head while they pulled their skis from the trunk of their car.

"Beautiful day!" I said.

"Yes," they replied. 'It's a Doris Day!"

Another step into winters past

KATE BUTLER
County Life Contributor

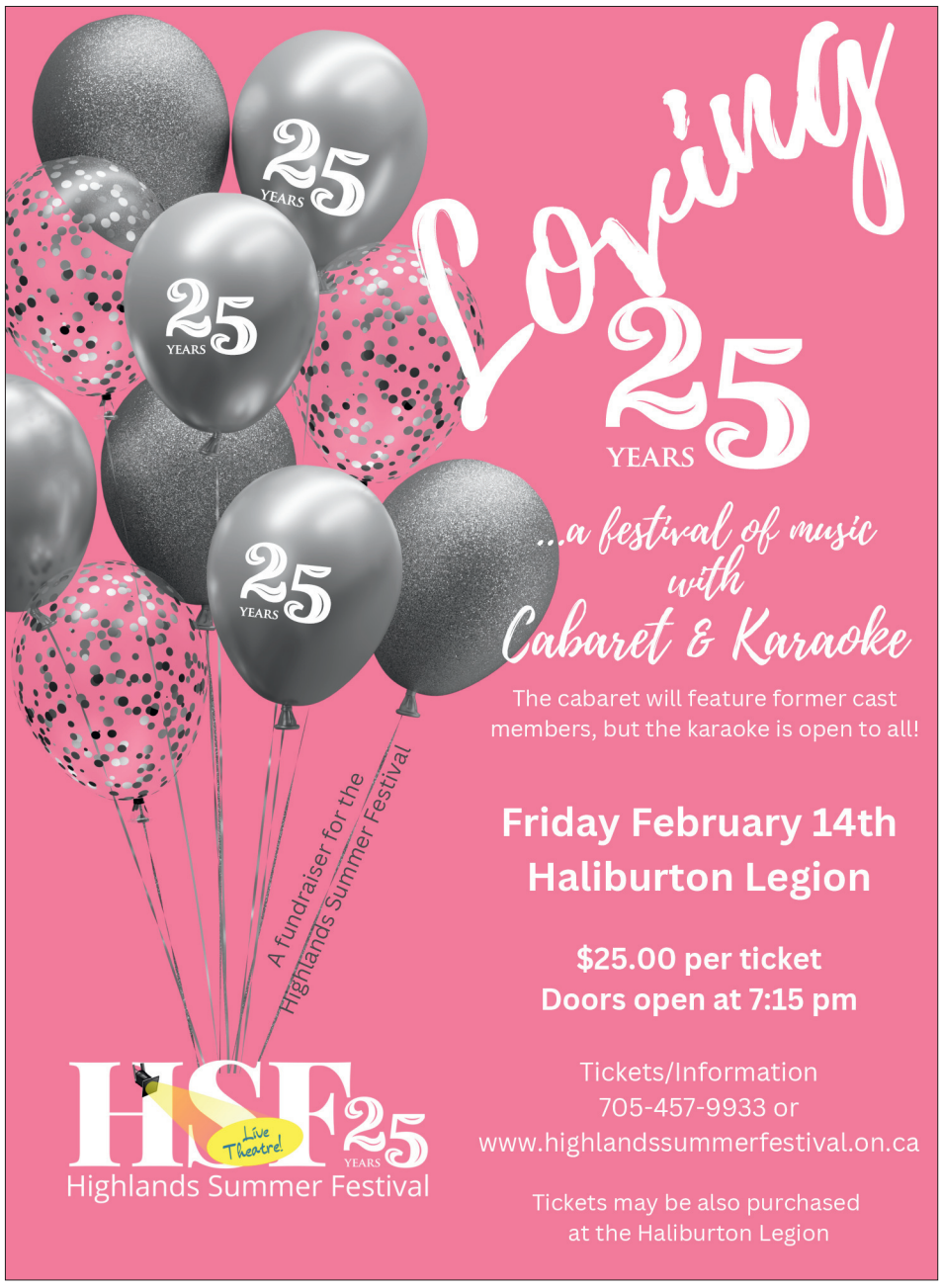
Hockey - played both indoors and out - has been a favourite for locals for over 100 years in Haliburton County. /FILE

There's much about winter in the Highlands that's changed since the community's early days, but some aspects have remained constant. In my last column, I shared a peek at Marjorie Clarke's childhood recollections of growing up in Haliburton from her 1960s *Echo* column, "This I Remember", but I couldn't resist dipping back into her stories this week to share a little more.

We know that hockey has long been big news in Haliburton County. Our community has produced enough professional hockey players to inspire a documentary, while local players and teams have also been immortalized in the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. Yes, we're well used to celebrating hockey in this community, but what about holding a "Hockey Ball"? In 1967, Marjorie Clarke shared her own research from back issues of the Echo, specifically the story of a celebration in 1910 – a ball held at Haliburton's Town Hall to celebrate the success of the Haliburton hockey team in a recent tournament which had been hosted by Fenelon Falls. Teams from Coboconk, Minden, Kinmount and Haliburton had all competed and the Haliburton team had emerged victorious. The ball featured music played on piano and two violins, refreshments and dancing from 9 p.m. until midnight. Each player on the Haliburton team was presented with an engraved medal, while Jack Laking, the manager of the team received a special gift of appreciation in the form of an inscribed walking stick, the presentation of which apparently took him completely by surprise.

Today, we might not think of a trip to Fenelon Falls as a major journey, even during the winter months, but over one hundred years ago, the success of such a trip really depended on the weather and the railway. In another column, Marjorie recalls how during the winters of her childhood, it wasn't uncommon for the whole community to be "snowed in", with the railway tracks being blocked for days. Updates on the clearing of the tracks might come by telegraph, but that didn't mean that the tracks were cleared any quicker. Being snowed in seems to have not been an uncommon occurrence and everyone took it in stride. Marjorie notes that local residents prepared for winter by laying in a good stock of food in case of such things happened and that meat could be kept outside, frozen as well as a home freezer would keep it today. Root cellars were packed with the sorts of fruits and vegetables which lasted well in the cold, while butter and eggs were preserved with salt. Jams and jellies made earlier from local produce must have provided a taste of summer throughout the coldest winter months. In an observation which always makes me smile, Marjorie notes, "As we didn't know about vitamins, we didn't miss them."

Though our winters today may come with conveniences that would have astonished residents in the early 20th century, I think our desire to find enjoyment in these colder months of the year would have resonated with them. A glimpse at any local events calendar shows that our community is still bustling this time of year. Celebrations and performances help to brighten the long winter nights, while festivals, such as the winter edition of Hike Haliburton, and programs, like Dysart Recreation's Fun in February, inspire us with ample ways to enjoy what the season has to offer. Hope you're having fun this winter!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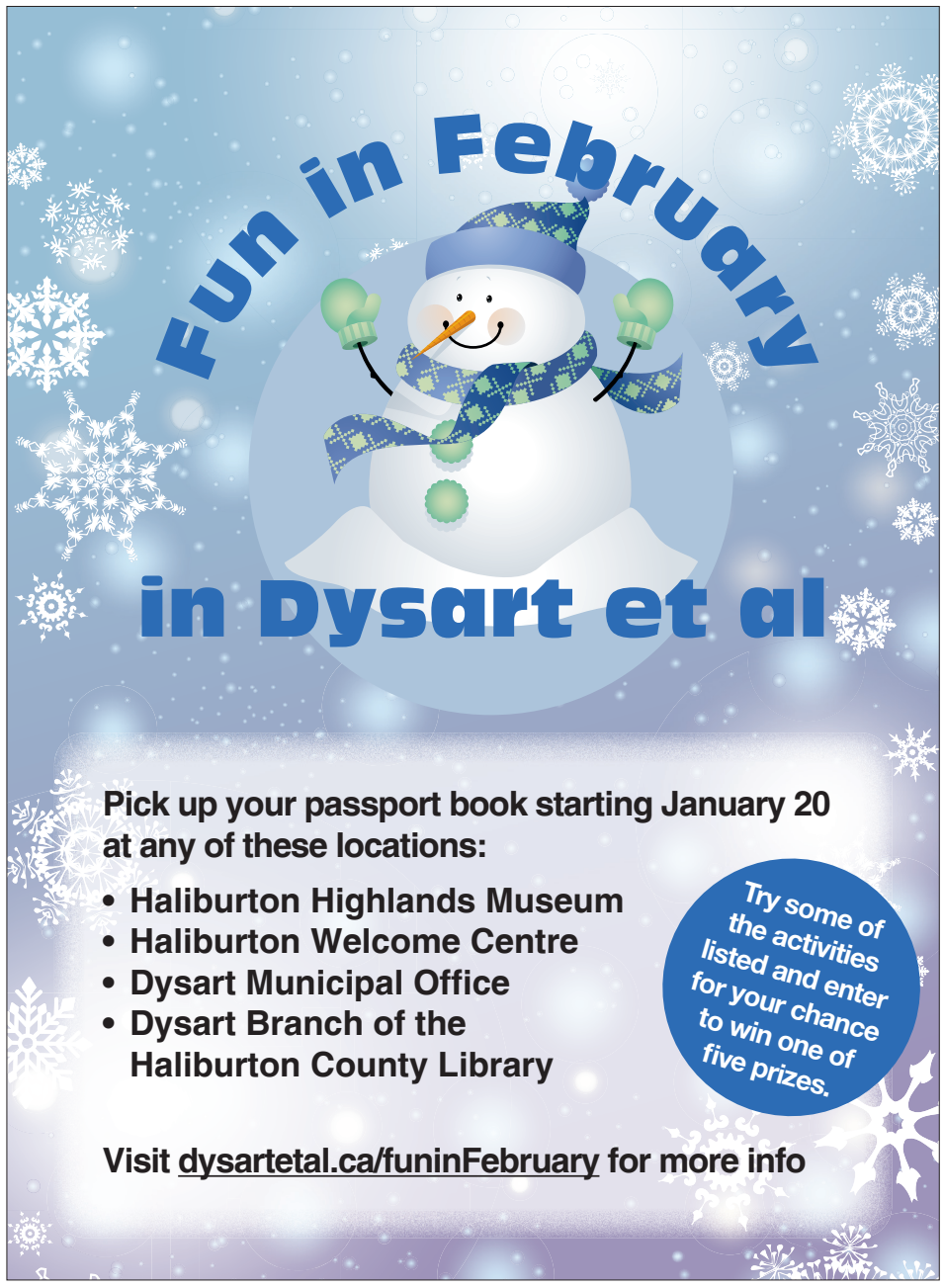
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Multiple thefts from Minden vehicles; OPP warns

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating multiple thefts from vehicles in the Township of Minden Hills.

On Jan. 17, the Haliburton OPP responded to numerous calls reporting thefts from vehicles that had occurred overnight. Suspects entered vehicles in the areas of Ritchie Falls Road and Sedgwick Road in the Township of Minden Hills. Suspects entered the vehicles and had stolen numerous items from the unlocked vehicles.

Haliburton OPP is asking residents in these areas of Ritchie Falls Road and Sedgwick Road to check their security cameras for any suspicious activity and report it to police.

Vehicle owners are reminded to always lock your vehicles and close the windows. Unlocked vehicles, and vehicles with valuables visible are the first vehicles targeted. Perpetrators incur more risk of being observed, being identified and getting caught if they are forced to physically break into vehicles.

Members of the Haliburton OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8457 (TIPS) or www.khcrimestoppers.com.

Submitted

Thin ice

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment would like to remind all area residents, cottagers, contractors and any other potential ice surface users to stay clear of our area water surfaces as very little ice, if any, has formed due to abnormal weather conditions. The lack of ice and vast areas of open water is creating possible dangerous situations for you and responding emergency services personnel. Any ice surface user must remember that no ice is safe ice, and that any travel on the current water/ice surface conditions, if any ice should even exist, should be wearing proper survival clothing/suit, having a fully charged cell phone along with telling a friend, neighbour, family member or work supervisor of your destination.

Submitted

Community Living Contemplations

Community Living Trent Highlands is a not-for-profit organization that serves three communities: Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough. As an agency, we work to support people and families and are currently involved in the lives of almost 1000 people. We offer services where people live, in community, with families, in independent living, in employment and supporting school transitions. Here in Haliburton, we support over 60 people and families to meet their unique goals.

In this corner of *County Life* we hope to feature stories of Haliburton people connected to their communities and achieving their goals, Highlight some of the great projects that CLTH is involved with in the County and just take some time to ponder this great life. Community Living has been serving the county of Haliburton since the early 70's when a group of parents and volunteers came together to form the corporation and create the first board. At that time, looking for meaningful activities for their children to do many options for work and recreation were created.

As the agency has evolved, we now have two community homes that are staffed 24 hours a day, we support people to live independently in their own apartments all around the county and we offer our Connex program. Connex offers all kinds of ways to connect with the community, spend time in groups learning and having fun and offer day trips and gatherings.

Our office in Haliburton is on Victoria Street at the schoolhouse where so many residents of Haliburton have fond memories of their early school days. In Haliburton we employ 40 staff. Our mission is to inspire respect and equality for people with an intellectual disability by promoting community knowledge, organizational excellence and individual quality of life. It is important at CLTH that we stay connected to our communities in big and small ways. And that we seek new ways for everyone to be included, celebrated and cherished for their unique gifts.

Do people belong, do people have a role, are they missed when they are not there? Meaningful inclusion answers a resounding yes to all these questions. Haliburton as a community is a leader in understanding that everyone's life is better when everyone's gifts are accepted and celebrated as part of the fabric of the community. The best part about the role of our agency is that we do not design what success looks like or the destination of anyone's individual journey. We listen, we offer experiences, we help build connections and we support the people we serve as they create the path, the next step and the big goals of their journey. We are proud of our work; our partnerships and all the people we get to cross paths with. We are excited to share our work, our challenges and our wonderings here.

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A cold morning

THE MORNING after the 47th President of the United States was sworn in, it was cold.

Colder than usual.

Those were the two topics, floating around town. Yes, even here, in our small Canadian town.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

How it was colder than usual.

And the 47th President of the United States.

I won't share his name. Every time we give energy to that name, pressing ink into the fabrics of an old tree, it's a waste of energy. Providing fuel to an already nonsensically ballooned ego.

But all I can say, is that the morning after the 47th President of the United States was sworn in, it was cold.

That's all I can simply say, because I was at a loss for words. Numb from more ways than just the bitter temperatures.

We stayed up late the night before. Watching the inaugural address. I wasn't going to turn it on, but my kids wanted to see it. Said that all their friends had been talking about it. And we are a family that lets our kids decide what they want to believe in. As long as kindness and inclusion and justice are at the forefront, they are individuals finding their way in the world, and can make their own decisions.

And while the 47th President of the United States blabbered on about bigoted, homophobic, transphobic, and just plain cruel thoughts, I watched as their eyebrows knit together.

"I don't get people," said the nine-year-old.

"How can they support this?"

"What if, down the road, in another universe, one of these people needs a doctor," she asked. "And what if, the doctor they need, is transgender? Would they still hate them?"

A complex question. I looked at her in awe.

And, like many questions that have floated around in the days leading up to this one, I once again was speechless. Not just for the astuteness and complexity that her young brain was articulating, but because I didn't know the answer. Numb from more ways than just the bitter temperatures.

When the kids were smaller, they would bury their little faces into the couch cushions when the bad guy had his moment of glory during whatever Disney movie we had chosen that lazy Saturday afternoon. "Don't worry," I would say, as I curled them into my arms, "the bad guys never win."

But I guess that storyline is only reserved for Disney movies, now.

In a world where evil trumps good, now more than ever, we must choose hope. Must choose joy. Must choose warmth. And while so many of us sit in a state of freeze; a paralyzing numbness seeping into our bones while we try to piece together the steps that got us to this point, we must try to thaw. We must burn bright.

Not for us. We cannot convince those that support anger and hate and bigotry. I've seen families break up, friends cut ties, relationships sever at their very core, when so many realize that their fundamental principles are not aligned. And sometimes, that's the healthiest thing we can do.

Walk away.

But we must thaw for the generations who follow our footsteps. Our kids are starting to ask questions. Beginning to venture into this big, bold world with thoughts and knowledge filling in the gaps of their childlike whimsy. It is up to them to filter and sift through the grains of information, and forge their own paths ahead. Who's a good guy in this movie of life, and who's the bad guy?

Our son is ten-months-old. Younger than his sisters, and in awe of their every move.

The morning after the 47th President of the United States was sworn in, he woke up like it was any other day. Bananas and oatmeal for breakfast, a wave to his sisters through the window while they traipsed down the driveway on their way to the yellow bus.

As he settled into my lap with his favourite pop-up book in his chubby little hands, I realized that his world is not forever changed today. He's not feeling the weight of good and bad, of right and wrong.

And I must thaw my own feelings if he has any chance of bringing warmth into a very cold world.

And it's colder than usual.

But the sun will shine again.

Top 10 reasons a non-reader visits the library

WE ALL know libraries are excellent gathering places, and real assets to the communities they serve. Books are free. Everyone is welcome. What a deal!

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

But every now and then you'll run into a non-reader inside one. Ever wonder what they are doing inside a library?

Here are the top 10 reasons a non-reader visits the library.

1. It's the last place anyone would look for them.
2. Strictly for the picture books.
3. No better place to nap.
4. Great admirer of the Dewey Decimal system.
5. Big fan of modern shelving units.
6. Couch leg at home broke. Need to borrow a few books.
7. Want to give the new bookmark a try.
8. Going to continue opening every book, till he finds the hollowed out one with the treasure map.
9. Had enough excitement for the day.
10. The one place in town you can avoid deer.

Begetting

DEB REED
County Life Contributor

When I was first given a Bible, it was in comic book format sent to me (among other wonders like a snakeskin or nutmeg seed with mace casing) from colonial Bombay by my governess great-aunt. I'd reread the hardcover to memorization, and so, after envying the Sunday rituals of my Catholic playmates, requested from my parents my very own holy experience.

Newly-awesome in bonnet, shiny shoes, frilly socks, purse and frock, I began to take myself solo to 'our' church, an Anglican establishment about forty minutes walk along much busier roads. How my parents allowed me to travel unsupervised for the next two months of Sundays, I'll never know. A child around 10 with such a curiosity might have impressed them more than their awareness that I was also vulnerable on so many other levels! But it was 1963, and they already trusted me to ask and answer my own questions around holiness. I absorbed everything during services before ultimately choosing to spend remaining girlhood Sunday mornings closer to home.

Although church stopped pulling me many moons ago, to this day I admire much about its architecture, music, clergy and community commitment. I'd absorbed references and meanings which I could finally align with my children's bible. I was given freedom to form my own definitions around goodness and spirituality, and to learn that almost all takeaway messages in faith are globally identical.

I also assumed some new vocabulary. One term which still resonates is "begat," an antique verb in past tense which tracked Old Testament generations from Adam to Noah. My parents weren't successful in expanding every single answer for me, but I pestered them for a long while until I finally drifted towards other self-guided adventuring. I would grow to understand that the matrix of a life mostly meant cycles, traditions, beauty, stories, family, ethical codes, relationships and love.

When I began to explore compulsory biology in high school, I was instantly captivated. I found it way more compelling than math or gym. I self-importantly memorized the 'long' format for DNA, and would later include it in the optional spelling lists for my more motivated Grade 5s. The concept of inheriting genetic tendencies from our ancestors definitely helped justify my many teen perplexities. My parents begat to us their good manners, humour, passions and slight self-consciousness. They also loved effective communication. The beauty of begetting one's own children - and they, theirs – seals the deal that we're all biologically derived from the past, and therefore, from generations.

When I observe familiar inclinations in my grandchildren, I marvel at any apparent trickles of me in them. Nature, nurture - and some wild magic - have fed the traits I witness. It was around their current ages when I first officially explored spirituality. My heirs also question, read and articulate. They generate games, tunes, stories, paintings, charcuterie, forts, seedlings. They like bigger words: Indigenous. Symbolic. Phalanges. Deoxyribonucleic acid …

They are clearly the begotten children of DNA, and of all good faith before them.

Bear

Afternoon Moon rising over the field, sharing
Sky with Sun,
the Sun's lunar glow casting the faintest of shadows
across the Snow,
where a man walks with his dog among the stalks
of tall grasses, their brittle spines bowing down
towards the Snow,
the black Lab chasing a ball his owner throws, bark-
ing at something only he can see, scratch marks of
trees, fringing the field,
crows emerging from their branches, scattering in
the Air above the bare field, the black Lab watching
them flap past,
his barks, loud as their caws, 'till they fade to dots,
swallowed by Sky,
the dog's owner, yelling at the black Lab named
Bear, to Come, but Bear doesn't hear, forgetting about
the yellow ball,
sniffing at a patch of Snow instead, his paws, dig-
ging and digging, I wonder what he smells, buried
beneath all that Snow,
maybe a groundhog hole or a nut a squirrel hid in
the Snow, the Moon, ripening to fullness,
dangling above us,
its light, still weak, mirroring the paleness of the
Sun that never sleeps, rising, then sinking into the
horizon,
our Night, a brand new day somewhere else in the
world, billions of us, sharing a single Sun and Moon,
breathing beneath the same Sky,
my eyes roaming across the field, following the
black Lab named Bear, from the side of the road,
ignoring his owner's calls to Come,
sniffing at different patches of Snow, his paws for-
aging for a buried treasure that only he knows,
his owner walking towards him, to retrieve the yel-
low ball that lies abandoned in the Snow, slapping
Bear's flanks,
bending down to ruffle his fur, the pair of them,
blurring into one, as Bear pauses in his digging, to
slobber all over his owner's face,
and for a moment, I remember the fierce friendship
and loyalty between an owner and their dog,
their eyes, sometimes more human than a human's,
as they peer up at you,
expecting nothing more than the companionship
that they offer, Bear's owner throwing the
yellow ball again,
this time Bear retrieves it, wagging his tail as he
trots through the Snow, dropping the ball at
his owner's feet.
Good Boy, Bear, the owner's words drift through
the Air, trickling into my ears,
it's been years since I threw an old tennis ball,
watching Rex retrieve it,
his rust-coloured tail, its tip flecked with white,
wagging in the Air, lithe as a deer, loping through the
grass or Snow,
dropping the ball at my feet, waiting for a ruffle
behind his ears or a treat,
all of us, just craving praise, a quiet, Well Done,
You, my eyes following the pair as they meander
across the field,
Bear padding through the Snow, as his owner
follows, the two of them, spending time, alone,
together, surrounded by all that space,
like the Moon and Sun, dangling in the same Sky,
when one's light dims, the other, shines,
a human and their dog, walking through the Snow,
keeping each other company as I meander back
along the road,
Good Boy, Rex, I mutter beneath my Breath, we
buried him with that old ball beneath the goldenrod
bush in the far corner of the backyard.
He lived to be seventeen, he loved chasing balls,
especially when they rolled out onto the street.
He was deaf by then, and didn't hear the tires
screech that blue Sky Sunday in May.
There he lay, quiet and still on the side of the road,
Good Boy, Rex, we all said, as we stroked his head as
if he were still Alive,
and he is, each time I watch an owner with their
dog, throwing a ball or stick,
or walking alone, together, beneath this sprawling
Sky, the Moon and Sun, up there, alone, together, too,
when one's light dims, the other, shines.

Sylvie Kalenda

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Exam Week Drop In at Youth Unlimited
When: Friday, Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make your own pizza! Thursday, Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Taco Thursday!
Where: Youth Unlimited, 2 Victoria St. Haliburton
Need a place to hang out after exams? Come check out the Bridge Youth Centre. Come for a free lunch and study or just chill, play board and video games and hang out. For more info visit our website http://yfc.ca or email haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

Youth Unlimited Gym Nights
When: Feb. 7 - Bubble Soccer 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Mar. 7 - Sports and Dodgeball 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Sports and 9 Square 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School
For Grades 6-12. For more info contact haliburton@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

Minden Ice Races Schedule 2025
When: Jan. 25-26, Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and Mar. 1-2
Where: Minden Fairgrounds
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Minden & District Horticultural Society Pot Luck Luncheon
When: Saturday, Feb. 1 at noon
Where: Our Lady of Fatima church,
7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.
Speaker: Mary Hamilton "Making Valentine's Day Cards Using Flower Pounding." Bring your own plate, cutlery and mug as well as a dish for the pot luck. New members welcome!

Recurring events

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
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Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room
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Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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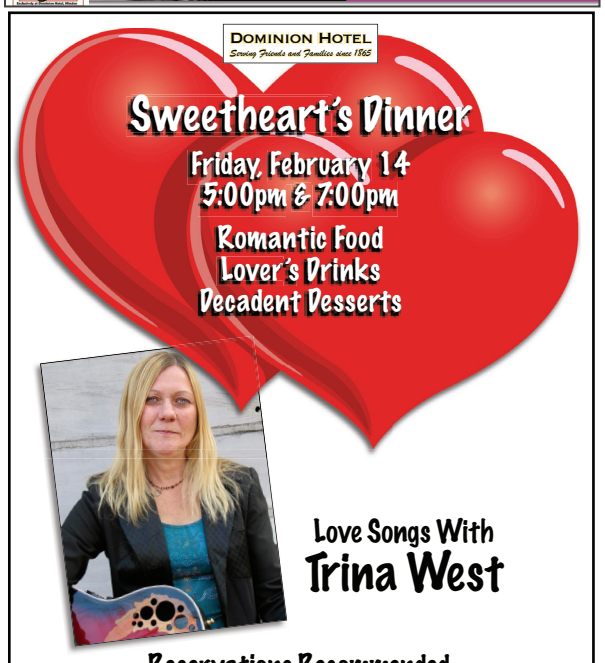

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Blue Jay by Jill Moulton

Barred Owl by Shelley Hunt

A Pileated Woodpecker by Lou Weber

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m.
Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs)
Ladies darts 7:30 p.m. (downstairs)
Tuesday: Coffee and chat 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Coffee and chat 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mixed darts 7:30 p.m. Canteen opens at 6 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. Supper special every week. Canteen opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) third Sunday every month at 2 p.m.
We welcome everyone to our events and we look forward to seeing you.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541. Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 6 p.m., Thursday: 7 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 - Darts $5/player - 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Darts $4/player, 2 p.m.
Thursdays - Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Cornhole $5/player, 7 p.m.
Fridays - Feb 7, 21 -Fish n Chips, 5 to 8 p.m. $15
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Dinner Chicken Marsala with salad, mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert. $20, 5 to 8 p.m.
Feb. 14, 28 Seniors 55+ Lunch, $17, Non
Feb. 28 -Wings and Jam, $15/lb, 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Meat Draw, 3 p.m
Feb. 15 - Valentine's Day Dance, Food provided. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Feb. 22 - Ken McFarlane Ice Fishing Derby
Weigh in is at 6 p.m.. Registration is $20
Sunday, Feb. 9
LA Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m., $10
Super Bowl Party - 4 p.m. Kick off is 6:30 p.m. $5 cover. Party snacks
Call the Legion for more info 705-448-2221

Moose by Tammy Nash

Pine Marten in a pine tree by Tammy Nash

Weasel tracks in snow by Lavdeep Jallandhra

Red Squirrel by Jill Moulton

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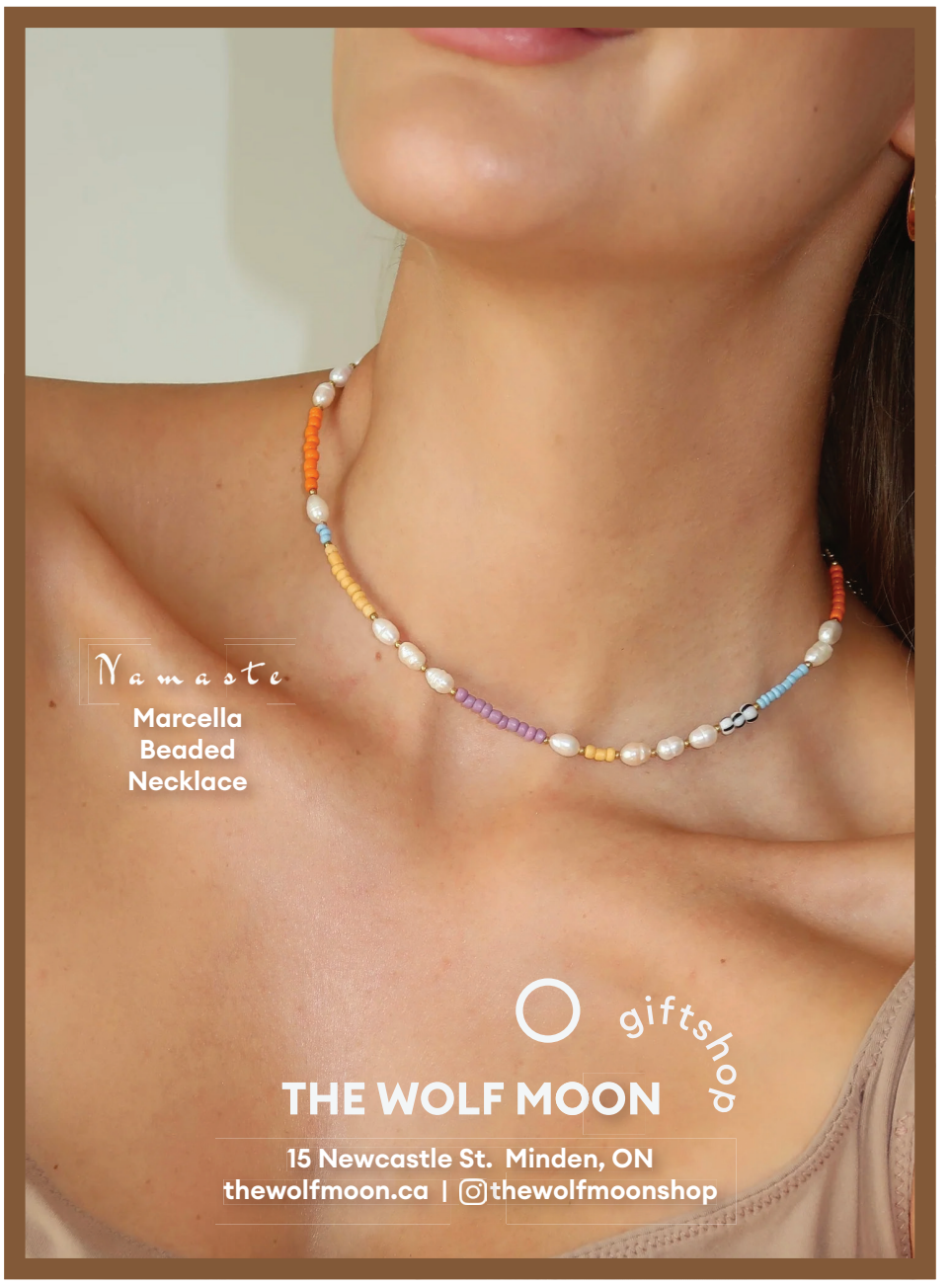

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Bringing the year into focus

The only conclusion one can draw after attending the AGM of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) is that this small organization has a big impact on the local community.

Jim Blake, curator Haliburton Sculpture Forest, states: "What a great meeting! I knew about most of the things that were presented at the AGM but it was impressive to hear the depth and breadth of the programs, planning and activities when they were summarized in one meeting."

The list of accomplishments in the year included:

• helping Razzamataz to bring the inspirational French Canadian breakdancing crew Bboyizm to the county, resulting in a fun experience for the participants who spun, dipped and rapped to the music along with the performers,

• employing local potter April Gates to engage youth in 15 hours of pottery instruction at no cost to the participants, in partnership with the Haliburton Youth Hub

• negotiating with local venues to display the work of ACHH members, giving the artists exposure and the public an enriched experience,

• bringing internationally renowned author, Linwood Barclay, to share his books and experiences at Bookapalooza, an annual community event that also provides local and area authors with exposure and allows our community to interact with authors and purchase their works,

• marketing the work of ACHH members through a redesigned website and annual Arts Directory,

• planning and running round table gatherings for members and the public who are interested in the visual, literary and performing arts,

• completing a Strategic Plan in 2024 to drive our goals and focus on a successful future,

• and reaching out to the community through surveys and a fun Arty Party to get input to what members and the public are wanting ACHH to achieve.

ACHH acknowledges the funding support of the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), HCDC, Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association Art on the Dock, Parker Pad and Printing, and the Dominion Hotel as being instrumental in accomplishing these projects. There are also many smaller donors and many volunteers whose support is instrumental and appreciated.

The ACHH is a catalyst for the arts and artists of all genres in Haliburton County. As the OAC continues to reduce operating grants ACHH is focusing on other sources of revenue to bring art to life in the Haliburton Highlands. Through a local initiatives grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, ACHH is formulating a fundraising plan. One facet of this plan is to increase the membership by offering value to our membership and the community at large and garnering support from the public through the purchase of supporting memberships and donations. To learn more or to join you are encouraged to visit www.haliburtonarts.on.ca .

Submitted

HHHS community engagement planned

We are excited to invite you to our Summer Community Engagement Sessions – happening virtually on Feb. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

During these sessions, we will hear from local leaders and experts on preparing for the future, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and most importantly – you!

We look forward to connecting to share resources and information with you around how to get a power of attorney for health and finance decisions, dive deeper into consent and capacity referrals, shine a light on our new Volunteer Services programming at HHHS, provide additional details on our HHHS Master Plan, and answer your questions around how you can better connect and collaborate with HHHS. Please see below agenda. Virtual dial-in information is coming soon. Recording and presentation will be made available on hhhs.ca website.

- Introduction: Veronica Nelson, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS)
-How to get a POA for Health and Finance: Bram Lebo, Lebo Law
- POA Logistics: Penny Stayropoulos, Partner and Portfolio Manager, Treegrove Investment Management Inc.
- Consent and Capacity Referrals: Beth Archibald
- HHHS Volunteer Services: Amanda Rowden, Community Support Services Manager, HHHS
- HHHS Master Plan Sessions Overview: Veronica Nelson, President and CEO, HHHS
- Connect and Collaborate with HHHS: Lauren Ernst, Communications and Employee Experience Lead, HHHS
- Your Turn! Run by Lauren Ernst (Moderator)
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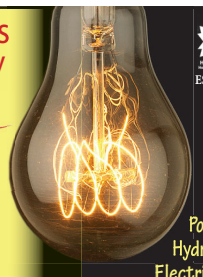

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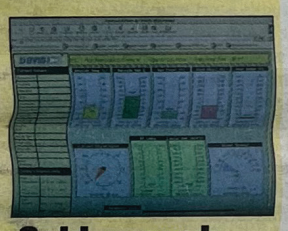
This week

A fanciful voyage

The Little Prince debuts at the high school Feb. 21. Bring the kids! *Page 14*



Cold enough for ya?

Perfect for weather addicts, the Stanhope Airport now has up-to-the-minute weather on its website. *Page 4*

Notable quotes:

"I want to rap your knuckles because I think that mentality is bull in this community."
Sally Moore, page 10

Commentary

"Hey! Ho! We will jump! Now it's time to drop that trump!" Steve Galea talks about A Bridge Too Far ... and other unimaginable things.

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Bring it back!

Minden Hills reeve wants to revisit clean & clear by-law

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

To be clean and clear or not to be clean and clear? Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney wants an answer.

Rigney is ready to reintroduce the contentious clean and clear by-law for consideration of council and committee.

"I want it on the table as soon as possible," Rigney said at the legislation, by-law and fire committee meeting last week.

Rigney was prepared to start circulating the by-law in the public to garner comments and suggestions from taxpayers in Minden Hills.

The only problem standing in the way could be procedural limitations.

Councillor Peter Oyler wasn't

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Are you SURE this is OK?

Two-year-old Annie Lyons from Hunstville pets "Flower" the skunk who lies in the arms of Julie Lacroix from the Muskoka Wildlife Centre. It was centre's (and Annie's) first time at the annual Dorset Snowball which attracted nearly twice as many people as last year – more than 2000.

OPP prepped for any emergency – well, almost

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is prepared for any type of emergency that might happen in the county - well almost any.

"Other than response to a liquid or gas type of hazardous materials, I think we are in pretty good shape," said Staff Sgt. Bob Walli of the OPP.

Walli was on hand at the Minden Hills legislation, building, by-law and fire committee meeting on February 12 to answer questions about the OPP's responsibilities in the county's emergency plan. After a recent sewage spill on Lake Kashagawigamog, council has been reviewing protocol and emergency preparation in the county.

In response to September 11, there have obviously been some changes in how emergency personnel approach situations, Walli said.

After the terrorist attacks in the United States, the OPP dealt

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Stockwell in neighbourhood to fight for premier's job

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Chris Stockwell was in Lindsay last week making his pitch for leadership of the Provincial Progressive Conservative Party. Stockwell says he is the best choice to replace Mike Harris, who will turn over the Premier's job to his successor in March.

The Tory Party's Common Sense Revolution, Stockwell says, has served its purpose. It has been very successful and he says he is proud of how well it has served Ontarians. But, he says, a revolution has a start, a middle and an end. He believes that revolution has successfully reached its end and it is time to move on with a new vision.

Stockwell says his vision for Ontario's future includes increased spending on health care, a moratorium on changes to the education system and a different approach to how government business is carried out, including more free votes.

"We did a good job on the Common Sense Revolution," Stockwell said, pointing out that if he is elected to lead the party, he will continue with the principles that enabled the province to get back on its feet.

Health care is foremost on the minds of Ontarians. Stockwell said he would do his best to instill the fact that health care isn't free. He said it has been predicted that the cost of health care will soon consume 60 per cent of the provincial budget.

He said he will continue to lobby the federal government to live up to its previous commitment to pay 50 per cent of the cost of health care. "The feds are not paying their fair share," he said, noting that the province is paying 85 per cent, while the federal government antes up only 15 per cent.

But, he has a plan. He would institute a health care premium, whereby a family would pay $68 per year or an individual would pay $34 per annum. He said the health care premium program would also have the benefits of showing who is using the system, how much it is costing for them to use the system, who is eligible and it would eliminate mistakes which are made in billing and control fraud. "It has been estimated that there is a billion dollars a

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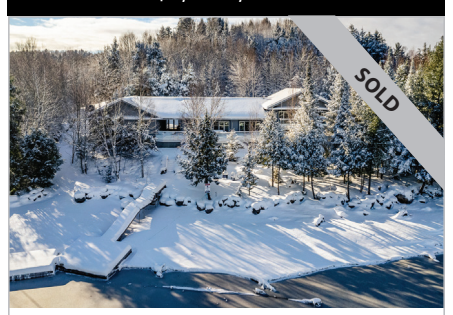

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